GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
PRIVATE CABLE NETWORK
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount received by the Government from various private cable network organisations in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any monitoring agency to check and inspect the modus operandi of these major cable network companies and their total monthly income/earnings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for allowing those major cable network companies to remain unaccounted and unmonitored; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken to keep a check on them in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 FOR ANSWER ON 1 6TH DECEMBER, 2004 BY DR. M. JAGANNATH

(a): No separate statistics on the total amounts received from various private cable network organizations in the country are centrally maintained.

(b) to (e): The Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, contains provisions to regulate the operation of Cable TV Networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Cable Operators are required to conform to the provisions of the said Act in their operations. There are no legal provisions in the said Act or the Rules framed thereunder to regulate the issue of earnings by a Cable Operator. However, the Tariff Orders issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from time to time under the relevant provisions of TRAI Act would have impact on the overall earnings of the Cable Operators.